

**County of San Luis Obispo
Behavioral Health Department
Mental Health Services Act**

Mental Health Advisory Committee (MAC) Stakeholder Group Meeting:

This document is proof of stakeholder involvement in decision making priorities and practices for the County of San Luis Obispo Mental Health Services Act programs.

The MAC Stakeholder Group asserts that they have fully understood and made a decision regarding the changes for the following program/service:

Sierra Mental Health Wellness Group/MHET	
Current Program/Service Mental Health Evaluation Team (MHET)/mobile crisis	New Changes/Updates to Program/Services Add 1.00 FTE LPHA
Current Total Amount: \$1,339,758	New Total Amount: \$1,430,758 \$91,000 Increase
Justification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sierra Mental Wellness Group requests support to add a Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts (LPHA) to consult on lifting involuntary holds (e.g., 5150). • Due to staff shortages, the County has changed the structure of staffing patterns for Psychiatrists. This change means that Psychiatrists will no longer be on-call and available to rescind 5150 holds placed by various agencies throughout the County. • San Luis Obispo Behavioral Health requested Sierra Mental Wellness Group develop a team of Licensed Practitioners of the Healing Arts (LPHA) to consult on lifting holds. Sierra Mental Wellness Group currently provides this service for multiple counties throughout California. • The LPHA team will be responsible for covering consultations for lifting or retaining 5150 holds throughout San Luis Obispo County for all hours that are not Monday through Friday, 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. This consists of 123 hours of coverage per week by a licensed or licensed waived LPHA professional. Consultations for lifting or retaining 5150 holds Monday through Friday 8 A.M. to 5 P.M will be covered by the Mental Health Evaluation Team Supervisor, Program Manager, or other LPHA designee. • The LPHA will ensure that holds are lifted or retained to provide services to agencies such as local hospitals, Law Enforcement Agency holds, and any other 5150 designated personnel through the County, ensuring 24/7 coverage. • The funding is necessary to have a team in place for lifting 5150 holds as mandated by the State. Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The LPHA will be responsible for responsible for covering consultations for lifting or retaining 5150 holds throughout San Luis Obispo County for all hours (123 hrs.) that are not Monday through Friday 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. • The LPHA will improve hold times impacting local hospital and emergency departments. 	

On Wednesday, July 26, 2023: Add additional funding support to SMWG/MHET.

[X] SLOBHD Staff recommends approval by the MAC Stakeholder Group as specified above.

[] SLOBHD Staff does not recommend approval by the MAC Stakeholder Group as specified above.

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